



## **Board of Health Agenda**

Date: April 10, 2024

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

### **1. Administrative**

#### **BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING AGENDA**

Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Time: 3:00pm

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

In accordance with the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 20, the April 10, 2024 public meeting of the Arlington Board of Health shall be physically closed to the public. The meeting shall instead be held virtually using Zoom.

#### ***Zoom Login instructions:***

Instructions and the meeting link for this specific meeting can be found on the Board's agenda and minutes page or on the Town's meeting calendar. The meeting registration information is listed below. When attendees enter the meeting, they will be placed into a virtual waiting room. Attendees will be admitted into the meeting from the waiting room at the start of the meeting.

Please register in advance for this meeting: <https://town-arlington-ma-us.zoom.us/join/64853K853K#/registration>

#### **On this agenda:**

2. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from February 7, 2024
3. HEARING:  
Body Art Practitioner Application - Jehezl Ortiz Rosado
4. HEARING:  
Body Art Practitioner Application - Erik O'Steen
5. HEARING:  
Body Art Variance Request - Ink by Mina
6. UPDATES:  
Artificial Turf
7. UPDATES:

Director

8. UPDATES:

Public Health Nurse

9. UPDATES:

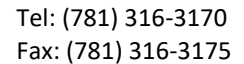
Environmental Health

10. UPDATES:

Restaurants

PUBLIC COMMENT

Adjourn



1. Jessica Kerr, Aye Present
2. Charlotte Breef-Pilz, Aye Present

Applicants and Representatives, do we have anyone on the call representing an application?

1. Isabel Rourke – Variance Request
2. James Quinn – Variance Request

Thank you everyone.

As stated, this Open Meeting of the Arlington Board of Health is being conducted remotely consistent with the supplemental budget bill signed by Governor Healey on March 29, 2023.

The Order allows public bodies to meet entirely remotely so long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting.

Ensuring public access does not ensure public participation unless such participation is required by law. This meeting will have several public comment periods, one during each of the hearings and one at the end of the meeting. If you would like to comment during one of the public comment periods, please use the "Raise Hand" function if on a computer, or "Dial \*9" if on the phone. When your name or phone number is called, and you are unmuted, please state your name and provide your comment. All attendees will be afforded 3 minutes for any comments.

For this meeting, the Board of Health is convening by telephone and computer conference via Zoom as posted on the Town's Website identifying how the public may join.

Only Health Department staff will be able to share their screen during this meeting. Board Members and Department Staff may be participating by video conference. Accordingly, please be aware that other folks may be able to see you. Anything that you broadcast may be captured by the recording.

All of the materials for this meeting are available on the Novus Agenda dashboard, and I recommend that Board Members and the public follow the agenda as posted on Novus unless otherwise noted. Members of the public are encouraged to provide written public comments.

Before we get to today's agenda, I am going to cover some ground rules for effective and clear conduct of our business and to ensure accurate meeting minutes.

Marie Walsh Condon, the Board Chair, will introduce each agenda item. After the item is presented, she will go down the list of Board Members, inviting each by name to provide any comment, questions, or motions. Please hold comments or questions until your name is called and you are unmuted.

For any response, please wait until the Chair yields the floor to you, and state your name before speaking.

Finally, each vote taken during this meeting will be conducted by roll-call vote.

Dr. Marie Walsh Condon welcomed all to today's Board of Health meeting and reviewed today's agenda.

### ***Agenda Items***

1. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from November 1, 2023

Two edits from Dr. Rice.

Motion made by Dr. Laura White to approve the minutes.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Peter Rice.

1. Marie Walsh Condon, Aye
2. Laura White, Aye
3. Peter Rice, Aye

Vote: 3-0 (unanimous) in favor of the motion

2. Acceptance of Meeting minutes from December 6, 2023

No changes to the draft.

Motion made by Dr. Peter Rice to approve the minutes.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Laura White.

1. Marie Walsh Condon, Aye
2. Laura White, Aye
3. Peter Rice, Aye

Vote: 3-0 (unanimous) in favor of the motion

3. VARAINCE REQUEST:  
Ink Jam Tattoo - Isabel Rourke

Inspector Breef-Pilz recommends Isabel Rourke for a variance of the Body Art practitioner Regulations. Rourke has not completed the two years of experience necessary to obtain a Body Art practitioner Permit. Rourke will be supervised by James Quinn from Ink Jam Tattoo. Dr. Walsh Condon invites Rourke to share about herself. Isabel Rourke gave background on herself including the plan for her body art career and training. James Quinn shares more detail about the training time of 2 years of experience. Board and staff will discuss the possibility of examining the body art practitioner regulations and make adjustments in the future. Dr. Rice asked a question about renewal of blood borne pathogen course. Course must be valid for when the applicant submits the original application. Dr. Marie Walsh Condon made a motion to approve the variance.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Peter Rice.

Marie Walsh Condon, Aye  
Laura White, Aye  
Peter Rice, Aye

Vote: 3-0 (unanimous) in favor of the motion

4. UPDATES:  
Director

Artificial Turf Study Committee:

Director Waden provided an update on the group's progress. Waden has connected with Boston University faculty about the risk/benefit of health components. There is not a lot of concern over chemical exposure from playing on the fields, as there is minimal research. An industrial hygienist is working with the group. The group is not focused on drinking water as MWRA keeps water standards. To avoid heat related illness, mitigation pieces would be set in place, such as working on seasonal schedules for summer activities. Next Friday all three groups are submitting report drafts and will present to the larger committee. The public can comment on all these sessions. The final report must be ready by March 22 for Town Meeting.

Public Health Excellence (PHE) Collaborative Grant

Director Waden discussed the rodent media campaign that the PHE group will be collaborating on. There will be no spring rodent forum hosted by the Town.

Town Meeting:

Edits have been made to the leaf blower bylaw and submitted to the Town Manager with an explanation behind the past year of work the Department has done.

Community Health Needs Assessment

The Department is working with Health Resources in Action as the consultant for the Arlington Community Health Needs Assessment. The project Kick off meeting is tomorrow with consultants and Health Department staff. Director Waden will update the board on next steps and how they can be involved in the future.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Michael Olsen is going to training next week and is moving towards conducting inspections.

Director Waden clarified that there is no Board meeting in March. The next meeting is April 10, 2024.

5. UPDATES:

Environmental Health

Director Waden provided updates from the Department. Over the past two months there have been a few no heat housing complaints. Housing inspections have experienced a lull in the new year.

6. UPDATES:

Restaurants

Inspector Breef-Pilz reported on the end of year numbers from 2023. Six restaurants did not renew their permits in 2024. Director Waden added that Arlington is still working to keep restaurants in town following the pandemic.

7. UPDATES:

Public Health Nurse

Jessica Kerr shared that the nursing team revamped the annual report nursing numbers. Flu numbers are moderate across the state. There has been an uptick in cases in Arlington. A majority of the cases have been seen in youth. Arlington has a high flu vaccination rate compared to the state average. There were no covid vaccination clinics in the fall 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

Motion made by Dr. Laura White to adjourn.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Peter Rice.

- 4. Marie Walsh Condon, Aye
- 5. Laura White, Aye
- 6. Peter Rice, Aye

Vote: 3-0 (unanimous) in favor of the motion

Thank you everyone for attending and participating in today's meeting. Have a nice day.